

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Specialist Charles "C.C." Persing.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Louisiana Senate upon the death of Specialist Charles "C.C." Persing of the United States Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) based in Fort Drum, New York, on July 20, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and a most profound sorrow that the tragic death in ground combat operations of Specialist Persing at the age of twenty, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, has been learned by the membership of the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Persing, a native of Albany, began his military service for his country shortly after he graduated from Albany High School in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Persing thrived in the tough environment of the legendary 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and even considered a career in the United States Army, always placing the needs of his unit, his comrades in arms, and his country before his own; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Persing performed bravely in this nation's fight against the forces of terror and oppression in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations and exemplified the courageous and brightly shining American spirit that has lighted the way for freedom since this country's birth; and

1 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing conducted himself with bravery and uncommon valor
2 when he engaged enemy forces in battle before succumbing to his mortal wounds; and

3 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing will be remembered by his fellow soldiers as an
4 extraordinary and patriotic American who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when
5 it called; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing, despite the disruption of losing his father at an early
7 age, grew up tougher, stronger, and with a moral straightness that was distinctive when
8 compared to others who had faced lesser challenges; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing will never be forgotten by the people of his
10 community and the friends and family he left behind in Louisiana to travel afar and fight for
11 freedom and against those determined to harm this country; and

12 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing's plans for college and a possible career in law
13 enforcement were cut short by the enemies of America and everyone who knew him saw him
14 as a shining example of all the best this country offers; and

15 WHEREAS, Specialist Persing's mother, Betty Persing, his brother, Robert Persing,
16 and his aunt, Lena Bouley, will all sorely miss his presence in their lives, his memory will
17 burn brightly in their hearts forever.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that
19 a profound sense of loss and heartfelt condolences are hereby expressed upon the death of
20 United States Army Specialist Charles "C.C." Persing in the war on terror in Operation Iraqi
21 Freedom.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of United States Army Specialist Charles "C.C." Persing.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences to the family of U.S. Army Specialist Charles "C.C." Persing on his
death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.